Fort Wrangel Alaska
June 7th
1878

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

If you come to Alaska next month as we hope you will, you will not receive this before leaving home. I have nothing of importance to write. We are all very happy since the "City" came in yesterday, and brought the news that Rev. Young & his wife were aboard the "California" for Fort Wrangel. I heard it from the Rev. Mr. Reid of the Presb

I fear it is too good news to be true, yet it may be. I am doing all I can to persuade Mr Vanderbilt to remain at home until next month. I am so anxious for you to see him. Indeed I think it is very important that you should. Mr Brady & Miss Kellogg write very encouragingly of the work at Sitka. The Steamboat "Beaver" (that you will remember seeing here last summer) was sunk in the Stikeen River two weeks ago. No lives lost. My school averages thirty five scholars, which is a good number for this time of year.

So many are gone to the mines & other places to work. Thus Jaks has been pretty quiet since the "Revenue Cutter" came up. He tried to get up a fuss about the time Sam's died, by telling the indians Shaaks had been poisoned by some white person. I believe he, Thus Jaks will come around all right yet. But I think the best way is just to let him alone. Last trip the "California" went into Port Simpson. It would be nice if they would do that when you come up. I had a letter from Mr Crosby by the "Otter." He writes very cheerfully of the work at

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[illegible] have been [illegible] the [illegible] little daughter.

June 13th The "California" came in last night & we were again disappointed about the Minister Coming. I heard of Mrs Young & that when he does come he will not have a wife with him. I think it is a great mistake for him to come single & such a disappointment to me. Now Mrs Vanderbilt goes down this steamer & may not return until next Spring. I'd will be left alone again. The disappointment has made me almost sick. This morning I could not feel fit to write

I know it would be so much better to have a minister here who had a family, But I feel as if I would be glad to see any kind of one now. The indians to are Terribly disappointed They come to me last night. (Tow-a-att & Lot) to know "how many moons now the preacher man comes" I told them I could not tell anything about it, I hoped he would come next Steamer, but did not know. Tow-a-att laid his hand on his heart, & said, "Nica Dick Lum-um-, Wake Siah Conaway Indian Mamalouses" Nika tick lum

Sum, I have sad heart;
Big & Big Indian all dead.
I have sad sad heart.
He felt so badly he shed
tears over it. I fear
all this delay is going
to cause the indians to
loose confidence. Another
thing that makes me feel
dishartened this morning
is that I did not hear
from the "Board" It
does seem very mysterious
to me, & realy very discour-
aging. in about six weeks
the year will be up, &
I have not had a dollar
of Salary. I dont think I
can hold on much-

longer. I know it is such a disappointment to Mr Vanderbilt. If he had not been so kind I should have suffered. As I did not get a letter from you this mail I hope you are on your way and here. For some reason, I have not received the last two copies of "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian." I regret it very much. I think I will order this letter sent at Portland until the 1st of the month, so as to reach you there. Kind regards to all in the family

Yours sisters in Christ,
A. K. McFarland

Trinidad Col.
June. 8, '78
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My Dear Doctor Jackson.

We were just one month coming from Zuni to this place and upon reaching here we were so completely used up that we were glad enough to get into a house and abandon all idea of going further. I am much better than when I came away from Zuni but am not and I have no expectation that I ever will be, well. My grief was so great at leaving Zuni, I had so hoped to die there, that I really hoped as soon as my family were fairly started that I would not

tice because the said Grand-
Court it has been the Lord's will to
strengthen me and doubtless for
some purpose if I am able to earn
a living for my dear ones I shall
be thankful. There is a great deal
of work to do here, both among the
Americans and Mexicans. Do your
very best to get a man for this church
at once. The Congl's talk of prospecting
in this direction and it is greatly
to be desired that the place be not
crowded with churches like L.S.
An energetic and aggressive worker
here in this church, with Mr Hilton
of the M.E. could so manage his
field that there would be no pretext
for any other churches coming
in. It is a matter that demands
prompt attention. The L.S. is well
maintained, prayer meetings
attended Women's Missionary
work carried on and the
very best state of feeling existing
in the church. If a man does
not do well here it will be his own
fault. Poor Gritti, I suppose will
be forgotten and indeed unless the
Board is prepared to stand right
up to a contract better than they did
to me no one will ever be got to re=
main there (this between ourselves of
course) I firmly believe Doctor that I
would be well and at Gritti today
if the Board had made me that
little allowance that I asked in
October, to enable me to lay in food
for the winter. It was only an advance
I did not wish any further grant.
I am thankful to have made the of=
fering my life seemed little to give
I would gladly give another if I could
it. I do not complain of that, but if
the poor people are not to have some=
one else I cannot but wish that I had
been spared. But the Lord has done
his will and I am happy in it.

Come down and see Trinidad
and stir us up a little we shall
be very glad to see you and so
they say in Kentucky I am sure
you would do a "powerful sight
of good" — Come!

Yours Truly
Henry R. Palmer

Jemez New Mexico June 6 '78

Rev Sheldon Jackson D D
Dear Doctor

I send in the same mail with this a letter for your paper if you deem it worth the room. This letter is not intended to be made public.

It is only 3 mos to day since we came to the Pueblo but I have been thinking that I might tell you something of the situation of affairs in this field. You are aware that the great obstacle in the way of religious teaching in this County is the Catholic Church. They have held sway so long that they hardly suppose any person but a Catholic has a right to say anything about religion. Here is a flourishing Pueblo. It is just 4 miles from this place to Sanjsidro. 4 to the Cañon and 4 to Bissita. These are all mexican towns and each has a Catholic Church. There is a Church here also and this being a Cut at point, they have established a Priest here and here he is and from here he goes out over this County doing

[illegible] of the Catholic Church and gathering up the money. He goes away from home to marry the charges "Pabels get home" If one dies he is paid for burying and he charges for waiting. Then you know he forgives sins and does the work of the Church in general. In short it is Catholic Church or nothing in this Country. Now why is this? Can no other Church live here? No one knows it was never tried and to say. A good many of the Negroes here are nominally Catholics but many of them are not and I don't think many are doing much really for the Catholic Church. But as I said before there is nothing else. They must be children baptized and they must go to the Priest. They want to get married and they must go to the Priest. If one dies there is no place to bury but in the little yard among the Catholic stones and the Priest must bury them and be paid for it. And here let me say; I am told that when they dig a grave in this place it is common to throw out the bones of others and when the grave is filled the old bones are thrown back in again. Last year we had died here with Small Pox and it hardly seems possible to me that they are buried at the Church but I suppose they are and

many hundreds more in this part of the Catholic Church. I believe that many among the Mexicans would in time break away from the Catholic Ch. if they had any Chance to do so. There is a man living at the Canyon 11 miles up the river Romaldo Mondoyo who is a genuine Presbyterian and his family, is the same. Himself & wife at least are members of the the Church. They lived awhile at Del Norte Col. and joined the Church at Del Norte. I know by his books that he is correct to tell us the names of persons there and can tell all about his minister the has the scriptures in Spanish and also English. He brought two of his Cousins young ladies to Sabbath School and they are Catholics. He seems to be very much in earnest and I believe is a a Christian. He is standing up faithfully and manfully among his Catholic friends and neighbors and he may be the instrument of turning some of them from Catholicism. But this man is 64 miles from a Presbyterian Ch surrounded with Catholics and longing for the privileges of the sanctuary. What I want to see done in this I believe there should be a Presbyterian

Church established at Jemez just as soon as it possibly could be. There can be something done that may help on that is open the way for a Church but it is very difficult to do much as matters are shaped now. If there was a nice little Church here and the privileges and benefits of a Church to offer people I believe there would be more willing to abandon Catholicism. It would be much easier to do work among these Indians if there was never be a Catholic near them.

This letter is for you and you can know by this how matters stand here. My honest conviction is that there should be a Church organized here and supported just as soon as possible. While we are here we will do anything that we can to further the good work, and if we could get some help we would like to put up a dwelling house and school room. It would not cost very heavily and it would be such a help towards making a permanent thing of the work here. If the good people just could understand how badly these things are needed this wonderful Country they would and would easily give the little help that is needed. If the Indian Commission would be willing to allow something towards a schoolhouse instead of paying an unreasonable rent as they do now and the Board would allow something towards buildings there would be enough got outside to make a good square start here and would work like business and would have a strong foundation. Please write to me. Mrs Shields joins in sending love.

Truly Yours

J. W. Shields

San Ysidro

Bernalillo Co

New Mex.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania,
Monday, March 19, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.
My Dear Friend:

Your letter is at hand. I will forward the other Indian letter as soon as I have time to write it. I cannot find out Mrs.Green's address. Dr. Dickson or some of the N. Y. men would know and then her pastor could be interviewed. Is Mrs. Newkirk too old or infirm for a Vice President? That would give us the Central Church and a Philadelphia holding. I wish I could go to Pittsburg but I do not see how I can. My six girls need my constant supervision, to say nothing of 4 classes daily and the devious ways of the kitchen divinities to look narrowly into---a week would be a long absence for one so busy. Then there is the expense, and added to all the fact that I should not be able to do enough real good or work to pay for the time, distance, &c. The organization would not be altered by my being there as long as the rest of you are on hand. As to the great pleasure of being there of that I need not speak--it may be taken for granted. I still hope that the two churches of Carlisle may try and support a Missionary,but fear the lack of unity between the congregations and the hesitation about giving until one feels it will prevent. What a blessed time it will be when all churches of Christ feel that they are one in Christ and that all they habe is His.

In haste
Very Truly,
J. McNair Wright.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 2, 1878.

My dear Mrs. Paxton:

Excuse the liberty I take of writing to you again. It is possible I may be able to come to the meeting of the General Assembly--in which case it will be very pleasant to me to see you face to face--My special object this evening is to know whether you think a meeting of Christian Women could be held in some Lecture room, in the interest of Home Missions? We could have an address from Rev.Dr.Sheldon Jackson--and one of the Secretaries, and perhaps some Home Missionary, and perhaps have prayer and conferences regarding this great matter by ourselves.

It has been usual for the last seven years to have a meeting of this kind in the interest of Foreign Missions during the session of the Assembly. It is appointed after the cause is discussed in the Assembly.

I do not know whether this will be carried out any longer. The ladies find it hard to give up attendance at the general meeting in order to hold one of their own.--So it may not be attempted at Pittsburg. But probably you can find out. In any case I hope we can have a meeting together for prayer and conference.

I write by this mail to Rev. Dr. S. H. Kellogg also. He probably knows what will be convenient and practicable for us to do. What a comfort in the promise "I will guide thee with mine eye". To have the will of the Lord done is the only question for us.

Yours truly and affectionately,
F. E. H. Haines.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May - 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 1st is at hand. The subject of the letter is one on which I have though much during the last two months (Personal reference aside). I expected that the organization would be effected and if more can be done for Christ's cause by such organization I shall greatly rejoice with all others interested in it.

Woman's power is only begun to be developed. Comparatively few of the Presbyterian women of this country have set themselves in battle array against the hosts of sin. What a large company in the church yet uncommitted to any special work, and of these a large proportion,when appealed to for anything else express their decided preference for Home Mission work. Among these are able women strong to do, who only wait a development. Disorganization of what is already settled seems to me very unfortunate and unnecessary. If all the women were engaged,and none left to begin a new work, I could easily see the need of a division. But such a state of affairs is so far from the truth that I think it unwise to leave any out, and call for those already committed to one object. Of course I know not who has expressed a desire for my poor services, but I frankly say that I do not see my way clear to say yes to your request. I would not magnify

the importance of my name to either society, but prefer at present to let it remain where it is. I suggest to you the name of Mrs. Dr. E. D. Morris, who I know prefers Home Mission Work. She is an able,educated woman, ask he to open the way here and you and all others will see that we who are working for Foreign Missions will not be slow to follow her leadership in helping our country women.

Very respectfully yours,
in Christian work,
Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler.

Vinton, Burton Co., Iowa,
May 6th, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I have not forgotten my promise to send you some report of what the women of Iowa are doing for Home Missions. Really there seems to be almost nothing to report. Almost ten years ago, the women of Cedar Rapids and Vinton began to work for Foreign Missions. God has extended the work and blessed it. Many of our local societies through the state,work for Home and Foreign Missions, but in the larger part of our churches,what the women do for Home Missions is done at the annual collection,for that Board. More might be done as well as not and not detract in the least from the interest in Foreign work. Indeed as you affirm in your last issue, "It will not divide,but will double." Five hundred dollars were contributed to Home Missions the past year by the Presbyterian women of Iowa; two-thirds of that sum was raised by the women of Cedar Rapids 1st Church, the only one in the state that has a Woman's Home Mission Society. The value of boxes sent out to Missionaries was $637.

We have many women in our church who constantly affirm that they are more in favor of Home Missions than of Foreign, and we have said to them, for more than a year, organize a Home Mission Society and we will join you. But as yet nothing of the kind has been done. We have determined to wait no longer for that class but go forward and organize speedily, and I trust by the return of this time next year we may be able to report better things. I am thankful for your visit to Cedar Rapids, and while I regretted for your sake the friction that was felt on Wednesday, I am sure the Lord overruled it for good, and that you were fully vindicated. As proof of

that you will turn to the last Interior. It is one work, a grand and noble work, and I feel that there is no need nay more, no excuse for any discord among the different divisions of the army of our Lord. There is so much to be done we cannot stop to differ. Whatever helps one part will help the whole. The Lord bless you abundantly in your work is the prayer of

Yours,
Mrs. J. F. Young.

Des Moines, May 7th, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 2d, in regard to the organization of a Woman's Board of Home Missions, has been received, and I have given it careful consideration.

I regret to be obliged to reply that I must decline having my name suggested as one of the Vice Presidents. My reasons are, that my present limited sphere of work as Secretary and Treasurer of our Presbyterial Missionary Society is as large as I can fill. The office you suggest,mush have duties connected with it. I should be unable to attend the meetings of the organization unless they happened to be in my own neighborhood.

But as the local Societies in this Presbytery are working for both Home and Foreign Missions, I shall be glad to aid in any way, in a more limited sphere, the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions if one is organized.

I shall watch the result of the Convention at Pittsburgh with a great deal of interest, and I hope it may be abundantly blessed of God.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. J. A. Blanchard.

Fulton, Bourbon Co., Kansas,May 9,1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Sir:

Your answer to yours of May 2nd is delayed, on account of absence from Chicago.

I was notified this winter, of my appointment

by the "Synod of Illinois" on the"Home Mission Board". I was obliged to decline on account of my duties as Secretary of the "Foreign Board", and not four any lack of interest in Home Missions.

I regret that you were not informed of my declination, so that some one could have been appointed in my place. I shall be obliged to decline the "Vice Presidency" which you so kindly suggest , for the same reason. My sympathies are with your work and my cooperation in any way consistent with my strength.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. H. F. Waite.

Albany, May 9, 1878-
226 State Street.

Rev. Dr. Jackson,
Dear Friend:

Yours of the 2nd is at hand. I thank you most heartily for the honor that you confer upon me by asking me to represent the Synod of Albany in the great Home Mission work of the Church.

It is from no lack of interest in this work that I decline to serve in that capacity, but only because time and strength will not admit of my serving officially in both the Home and the Foreign work, and I can not feel that my work is done in the Foreign Society. In our Albany city churches as you no doubt know, both home and foreign societies are organized and are doing efficient work. Outside of the city I do not know so much about it, but my experience has been that very few churches that are interested in foreign work fail in the home department. But this rule does not always work both ways, as we find many persons who will only do for the home work.

I have tried to think of a name to give you to represent the Synod. I know of plenty of women that could do it but not one that is willing. And in saying this I do not by any means intend to reflect on the ability or the consecration of our ladies, but only to tell you how hard it is to find a lady who is willing to take the responsibility of such an undertaking, or who has confidence enough in her own gifts to be easily persuaded to it. I am inclined to think that you will have to try your persuasive powers personally in this vicinty, and then I believe you will get the right woman. I am glad you are going to have one grand society and for the success and its noble work I will pray and work with an

earnest heart. The home work is just as dear to me as the foreign work is, and I have no fear whatever that one society will work against the other. Any jealousy between these two departments of Christian work seems to me absurd, and wicked, and I believe every Christian woman in the land should be thoroughly alive to the needs of both.

With regards,
Yours very truly,
Mrs. Arch. McClure.

Buffalo, May 11th, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I am much interested in the subjects of your letter of May 2, and hope such a meeting as you suggest will be held and do much good. I well remember the one held in Hershey Hall, Chicago, one year ago and have felt its influence ever since. I think possibly my sister Mrs. Huntington of Cleveland,may attend; as to the Vice Presidency, I shall endeavor to do what I can in work,consistent with other duties,and my condition of health.

No Home Missionary Society has as yet been formed for our Synod. It appointed at its last session, a Committee of Ladies for each Presbytery,for supervising Home and Foreign Missions. The Committees expected to report to Presbytery. The appointments in most cases have been wise,but it is a lamentable fact that the Pastors do not always know,who are the best workers,to the cause of Home or Foreign Missions,in their own churches, and so in some cases nothing is done by the wrong person being named. I will send the Report made by the Home Mission Committee to the Buffalo Presbytery,and you can extract such facts from it as may serve your purpose,and the good and holy cause you are so zealously and busily seeking to promote.

I inclose $1.00 for subscription to "The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian",which fails to reach me of late for some reason,perhaps because of delay in forwarding the money. I really wish more copies of this were sent here. A children's association (Missionary) in Lafayette Street Church need its information. Will you not send it to Miss Lucy T. Lander, 145 S. Division Street, one of the officers, also to Rev. H. M. Parson, Pastor, 151 W. Chappewa Street.

This children's association think of taking a scholarship in the Salt Lake Institute; and want to name it for their late Pastor, Dr. G. W. Heacock. I should like more of the leaflets enclosed in your letter. Please let me know where to send for them. They should go to each church in a Presbytery.

Why is not Mr. McMillan provided for at Manti? Is his work valuable and do the Home Missionary Society encourage individuals or societies to help such a man? We are interested in him but as yet have not found any one to take up his case, as an individual. We hope to help Mrs.McMillan's children more than simply to pay her salary,but as yet have not sent her anything.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Henry Childs,
141 Delaware Avenue.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 14, 1878.

Rev.Sheldon Jackson,D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Please accept my thanks for your complimentary letter of May 2nd which was received the 8th instant,and now lies before me; in answer to which I will state,that the Presbyterian women in the Synod of Tennessee,have already organized and arranged their Missionary work under the name of the "Synodical Missionary Society of Tennessee" which combines both the Foreign and Home Mission work, and over that Society I have been chosen the President. The various auxiliary societies in our East Tennessee in almost every case,divide their contributions between the Home and foreign work. It seems to me entirely inexpedient to make any change in the Constitution of these societies as at present organized. Having received the consent,and cooperation of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions in New York, we have pledged our means and efforts towards the advancement of the cause of Christ in our own State. If, however,the Vice Presidency of the Society, which you contemplate organizing,should not require us to make any change in our constitution, &c., but simply to forward the work of Home Missions in this Synod, I would be willing to serve the cause to the best of my ability,should it seem good to the society to choose me for such a position.

I wish your contemplated organization "God Speed" and hope it may do much toward building up the waste places of God's kingdom in our own land.

Very respectfully yours,
Mrs. C. J. McClung.

New York, May 15th, 1878.
225 Madison Avenue.

My dear Mrs. Paxton,

I received a letter yesterday from Mr. Sheldon Jackson dated May 7th, in which he speaks of desiring to form a Woman's Home Missionary Society for the whole Church, and have it located in New York City. I think he could not be aware that we already have a Woman's H. M. Society auxiliary to the American . H. M. Society of the Presbyterian Church in which all our best, most active ladies are working, and they would regret very much to have any effort made, of the kind to which he refers. We unite our Foreign and Home Missionary Work in one society to save having so many different organizations. We have so many different societies connected with our churches that we feel that our Mission work is done more effectually by uniting the two. I hope he will not take any means to carry out such a plan.

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Jesup of Beirut Syria, have just arrived at our house this morning with six of their children, to spend two or three weeks before settling for the summer at Mrs. Judge Jesup their Mother's in Montrose, penn. We shall enjoy their stay very much as they have been such devoted faithful Missionaries for so many years.

Mr. Jackson desired me to address my reply to you, and believe me

Very truly yours,
Melissa P. Dodge.

La Porte, Ind., Thursday May 16, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Friend:

Your letter dated Denver, May 2nd, was duly received, and I have given some thought to its contents. I certainly feel a very deep interest in the work of Home Missions, as I do also in that of the Foreign Board, and wish to do all I can for both. But I do not see that it is best to organize more Women's Societies --- I do very much deprecate the multiplication of this kind of machinery. As President of our Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society I have always used my influence to promote Woman's work for both Home and Foreign Missions, and that influence has not been entirely useless. I shall continue so to do, in spite of the strenuous advice

of Mrs. Hoge, to "keep good fences," &c. But I could not conscientiously advise the formation of two distinct societies in these churches; in ours, or in any in this Presbytery. That may do in the large city churches, but I fully believe it would not be wise in the vast majority of our churches. Now what I would not advocate or do at home, I certainly would be a poor hand to advise other people to do. So I cannot think I am a suitable person for a Vice President of a National Society for Home Missions. What I mean to say is this -- I will work for Home Missions in the Woman's Missionary Societies of this Presbytery, or wherever my influence may reach, but in the societies already formed -- I will not, and cannot as I now see the matter advocate the formation of two societies in each church to work for the two objects. Of course the opposition to Home work in the Board of the Northwest, makes this more difficult than it would otherwise be, yet even so, it is less objectionable in my judgment, than to attempt to run two Societies in our ordinary churches. It is all I have time or strength for in our own church, and in the Presbytery, to carry on one organization, and I have as much time and strength as most of my sex. our Christian working women, I believethey would almost unanimously echo my words when I say,"From more societies and meetings, and organizations and machinery,'Good Lord deliver us". Oh! that we could do our work in the good old way our mothers did theirs, through the Boards of the church. This is my feeling at the bottom of my heart, though of course I do not express it at a Presbyterial meeting. But say what we may, I know that we women were not made to carry these loads, and we are out of our sphere when we attempt it. I have said more than I intended when I began, but perhaps it is just as well to be frank with you in the circumstances, and let you know that at heart I am nothing better than a traitor to the cause of "Woman's Work." Even if this were not the case and you wish a Vice President from each state it would be much better to choose one for Indiana who was more centrally located, say as far south as Fort Wayne or Logansport -- at least, if not at Indianapolis. I am in the very northwestern corner, and have very little acquaintance, or communication with the ladies of Indianapolis or the main part of the State. For these reasons, while thanking you sincerely for the honor you wish to do me, I must beg you not to give my name to the Nomirating Committee for a V. P.

Sincerely your friend,& sister in Christ
Julia B. Kendall.

Monroe, Michigan, May 16th, 1878.

Rev. S. Jackson,

Yours of 2d received. The labor and responsibility of the office you propose for my acceptance is more than I feel equal to, at present. Deeply as I feel on the subject I cannot see it my duty; it necessarily involves so much correspondence in furnishing information, appeals, etc., not only, but the superintendence of the work. I have been President of our Ladies Society, since its organization in 1871. We became auxiliary to the N. Y. Branch as we embraced in our constitution both Home and Foreign Work. We have no difficulty thus far in carrying on both departments of this one work--and we do not propose to make any change--not at present, any way. When we organized Presbyterially we transferred our con- from New York to Chicago, but did not change our Constitution. Our Home work has been confined chiefly to our own State, but this year we propose doing something for the heathen on our Western shores:- and shall do what we can to awaken interest in our Presbytery.

E. M. Landon.

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141 Prospect St., Cleveland,
May 17th, 1878.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Your favor of the 2nd inst. was duly received. I have delayed answering in the hope of hearing of some lady in Cleveland that I might suggest for the position named in your letter.

It is entirely out of the question for me to assume any more care and responsibility in the way of offices, I must rather drop some of the work on my hands at present. I already have more than I can do in the cause of Home Missions and as you know, am working in that direction as I have opportunity in connection with our church society. Should any name come to me in season for your meeting on the 24th I will write again. It would be a real pleasure to me to be at Pittsburg, through all the meetings of Home and Foreign Missions, and were I not about to leave home for the summer I should endeavor to be present. I am going to visit my brother in Galesburg, Ills. first. I believe that was your former home, was it not?

I am feeling anxious for Rev. Mr. McMillan, as my

well. I feel deeply interested

last letter reported him quite ill. Have you or the other Sec's any recent news from him?

I see the name of one of my Home Missionary friends or correspondents among the commissioners. Rev. James A. Griffes, Marysville, Kansas.

The Finks family seemed greatly delighted with their box & 2nd Presbyterian Church, and well they might be, it was a splendid box.

Hoping you may have a meeting of special interest and thanking you for the honor intended, I am

Yours very cordially,
W. H. Huntington.

Minneapolis, May 19.

Mrs. W. N. Paxton,
Dear Madam:

I received a note a few days since from Rev. Sheldon Jackson, asking for a report from the Synod of Minnesota to be read at your Woman's Home Mission Convention in Pittsburgh. I am so entirely occupied just now that I find it impossible to prepare anything suitable. I send you a paper very hastily written(and I have had no time for necessary correction,for our own Society.It is not at all the thing to be read in your Convention, but may serve to give you some idea of what we are trying to do in the Northwest and Home work. I should enjoy very much being in your meeting did circumstances permit. I shall be with you in spirit, and pray for the success of your meeting.

Your sister in Christ,
A. C. Morgan.

New York, June 4th, 1878.
30 West 18th Str.

My dear Dr. Jackson,

At the time I received your letter I was about to leave home to make some visits, and wrote to Mrs. Paxton to say that I was not prepared, without further consideration, to accept your proposal to me totake part in the formation of a new Woman's Home Mission Society, nor was I willing to decline at once to try to serve a cause which I have at heart.

Since my return I have talked on the subject with Dr. Dickson at his office, and with several of the

women of the Presbyterian Church in this city.

I wish I could do the same i.e. have a talk,--with you. But that cannot be, and I must write what I have to say on the subject. I feel a deep interest in Home Missions, all the deeper for having read your paper these three years and I feel like putting my shoulders to some sort of a wheel which shall roll the work on. I do not, however, approve of wasting effort by multiplying machinery. I do not believe in so dividing responsibility that no one knows what his own proper burden ought to be.

The Ladies Mission Board of New York has long since entered the Home Field, has received the cooperation of most of the Presbyterian Churches in this city, and has I suppose, unquestionably established a character for honest and earnest work. I do not personally belong to that Board, although the Church Society of which I am Secretary works through its agency; but it is my conviction that rather than attempt to supersede it by the formation of a new Society, it would be better to try to extend and amplyfy its work; better for the Church to avail itself of this organization, endeavor to add new members, infuse a warmer life, extend the auxiliary connections, make it more widely known; and not cripple it, or perhaps deal it a death-blow by the formation of a new Society.

Besides, in my judgment it would be difficult to enlist here the requisite number of really earnest and practical women in a new enterprise, because such women are already cognizant of this existing work, if not actually engaged in it.

I quite agree with you that people are not awake to the urgent need for the work of Education and Christianization of our Great West. I well remember your own earnest work on the subject. I think it is time to take a new departure. Only I would pour a fuller flood into the old Channel rather than dig a new one.

Having this opinion, I am unwilling to give my name to an altogether new agency, yet I am very reluctant to refuse to engage in a work which has only a wider usefulness for its object, although, in my judgment, not adopting the wisest means.

I have written to you as to a friend. If you think it best to do so, will you kindly forward this letter to Mrs. Paxton? I enclose a stamp.

Believe me with great regard

Very truly yours,

N. McK. Lewis.

New York, June 5, 1878.

Rev'd. S. Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir:

Your favor bearing date May 7th came to hand in due course of Mail.

When the Ladies Board of Missions was organized in this City, I became greatly interested in its work, and have been one of the Managers ever since. We are doing a good work, in the Foreign, as well as in Home Missions, and I do not think it well to multiply Societies, inasmuch as we have at the head of our board a most efficient person (Mrs. J. L. Grahan), thus far we have been very successful in our work and trust the Lord will be with us to the end.

Ever most truly yours,
C. C. Halsted.
18 West 17th Str.

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903 Sutter Str., Nov. 17", 1879.
San Francisco, Cal.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of Oct. 28th several weeks ago, and was prevented by sickness from replying sooner. It will be impossible for me to accept the appointment as one of a committee to organize and encourage Woman Home Missionary work; while I am willing to aid individually, I have not the time to give to it, I am already engaged in the work of four Benevolent Societies of which I am a manager and with my home duties and church work, I feel I have already more on my hands than I can faithfully perform. Neither do I think now that we could form a Society in our own Church, as we are already burdened trying to assist the Theological Seminary, we have been paying the students monthly what we could raise besides assisting every month the Evangelical Society, who have just asked to double our amount as their work has increased. The Students are here at our own doors, and are often in want of funds to supply themselves with food. I think this can be called Home Missionary work. There are other churches in the city who have never given anything to the Theological Seminary, and are not as far as I know engaged in any Missionary work. It might be societies could be organized in them, and they would greatly aid your work. Father says he received The Rocky Mountain Presbyterian himself, but has not seen the bound copy you speak of; it

may have been sent to the Seminary; he will inquire. I am also indebted for several numbers of your paper sent to me. I remain

with kind regards,
truly yours,
[illegible]. A. Kittle.

Milwaukee, May 10, 1878.
(Postal Card)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
216 Colfax Avenue,
Denver, Colorado.

Your note of May 2 received. It is too late to collect statements of what women of Wisconsin have done the past year for Home Missions. Our churches are so very weak, most of them are Home Mission Churches, that we have advocated only one organization in this State, reporting Foreign work to 48 McCormick's Block, Chicago, and Home Mission work to 3 Centre St., New York. In Calvary Church we devote all our energies for the months of Sept., Oct. and Nov. to Home Missions, meeting weekly. Foreign collections are made by envelope system. We recommended a similar course to all our Societies. As far as I know, the most efficient workers in Wisconsin are enlisted in Foreign Missionary work, viz. Mrs. J. R. Stewart, Milwaukee, State Pres.t; Mrs. Anna Williams Beloit, Pres. Milwaukee Presbyterial Soc., Mrs. A. J. Hoyt, Fond du Lac, Pres. Winnebago Pres. Soc., Mrs. D. H. Tullis, Madison, Pres. Wisconsin River. Presb'l So. Mrs. Anna Whitehorn, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Superior Presbyterial Society, Mrs. S. R. Laphas, La Crosse, Pres. Chippewa Pres. Society.

Mrs. A. H. Vedder,
State Cor. Sec.

Minutes of the preliminary meeting held by Presbyterian Women in the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 24th, 1878, for the consideration of the formation of a national organization of the Presbyterian Women of the United States in the interests of Home Missions.

The meeting was opened with singing, reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

Mrs. W. A. Herron of Pittsburg, Pa. was called to the Chair as presiding officer, and Mrs. Wilson N. Paxton of Allegheny was made Secretary.

Mrs. Herron stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the practicability of organizing a "Woman's Board of Home Missions."

A number of communications were then read from ladies in different sections of the country expressing their interest in Home Missions and regrets at being unable to attend the meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. James Lorimer Graham, President of the "Ladies Board of Missions," New York, concerning the organization and work of that Society.

Reports on Home Missions were received and read from the "Ladies Synodical Committee of Minnesota, and also from the Woman's Home Mission Society, of the Presbytery of Buffalo.

A request was received and read from the Missionary Society of Daytom Presbytery that a Home Mission Board be organized.

A paper upon the importance of a national Home Mission organization of the Women, written by Mrs. Julia McNair Wright of Carlisle, Pa., was then read.

After the reading of the above communications the following questions were taken up and discussed:

1st. Are we ready for Organization?

2nd. Will such an organization conflict with the Woman's Foreign Mission Work?

In the discussion that followed explanations were made of the Work of the "Ladies' Board of Missions" in New York for the purpose of showing that there was no need of another organization.

Others urged that if that Board would relinquish their Foreign department and give exclusive attention to Home Missions it would be able to do a large work and

and obviate the necessity of another organization.

Expression was given to the pervading sentiment of the meeting that it was a great responsibility to organize a "Home Mission Board."

The following plans were proposed and discussed.

1st. To organize a "Woman's Home Mission Society" without reference to existing Societies.

2nd. That, in addition to organizing a National Home Mission Society, a committee should be appointed to wait upon the "Ladies'Board of Missions" and ask them, first to drop their Foreign department, and second, if they are unwilling to drop their foreign department, then divide their Board of Managers into two departments, one having exclusive control of the Home, and the other of the Foreign Mission interests.

3rd. To adopt as the National Home Mission Society the "Ladies'Board of Missions" of New York as it stands.

The form of a constitution was then read as a basis upon which a constitution for a National Woman's Home Missionary Society might be formed. In connection with the reading of the proposed constitution, discussion was had with reference to the office of treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Hoge of Chicago, President of "The Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest", spoke at length of the work of that Society and gave her views with reference to the organization of a Woman's Home Mission Society.

Attention was called to the action of the General Assembly calling upon the Women to organize for Home Missions.

The question was then put to vote: "Shall we organize now?" Answered in the negative.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed from different parts of the country to confer with the New York Ladies'Board of Missions" as to the propriety of having their Board devoted exclusively to Home Missions

That, should the Ladies'Board of Missions fail to comply with the overture of the committee, it (the committee) shall be empowered to call a meeting of delegates from the different churches at such time and place as may be selected to organize a new Board.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. S. F. Scovel, Mrs. [illegible]. H. Montgomery and Mrs. W. N. Paxton a Committee to nominate the above Committee of Confer-

ence and report to the Afternoon Session.

After recess and devotional exercises followed by various addresses on Home Missions, the Committee reported the names of the following ladies, who were appointed a committee to confer with the ladies of the New York Board of Missions:

Mrs. Sylvester F. Scovel,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd,	Rahway, N. J.
Mrs. Richard T. Haines,	Elizabeth, N. J.
Mrs. D. M. Miller,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Mathew New Kirk,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. J. C. Hoge,	Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. John Kendall,	La Porte, Ind.
Mrs. Joseph H. Montgomery,	Dayton, Ohio.
Mrs. O.E.Huntington,	Cleveland, "
Mrs. Julia McNair Wright,	Carlisle, Pa.
Mrs. Osborn,	New York, N. Y.
Mrs. G. D. Harrington,	Washington, D. C.

Adjourned with prayer,
(Mrs.) E. J. Paxton,
W.N.
Secretary.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 24, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

I received the enclosed copy of Minutes from Mrs. Paxton this morning and made some slight alterations as she desired. The resolutions as sent to the N. Y. Ladies'Board I also enclose with Committee names. So many are declining to serve that I fear our presence as a body will not be very formidable, and as you will see from the resolutions there is but little for the committee to do, towards organizing a new Board if the N. Y. ladies' board refuses our request,---as it most likely will. I hope whatever is done will be for a cause that lies so near our hearts.

Very sincerely yours,
C. W. Scovel.

Elizabeth, N. J., June 27,1878.

Rev. S. Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

You may have heard that the proposed conference with Mrs. Graham is fixed for Thursday morning July 10th at 23 Centre St. -- The ladies of the Committee appointed at Pittsburg are invited to meet here at Elizabeth the day before, for prayer and to decide on something definite to bring before the New York Society. I was rather sorry to meet Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Holden on Monday last and to find they expected to represent the whole Board. This is not what was wished. It seemed desirable to lay the business before the whole Board, but Mrs. Graham said they two had received instructions what to say -- I did not ask her what that was. So many are out of town, is does not seem to me that, in case Mrs. Graham declines, much can be done before the Fall -- For one I am a little sorry not to have the thing worked up thro the Synods more as in New Jersey, but I believe God will guide aright in the matter.

I have received "proofs" of the Report on Home Missions adopted by the late General Assembly. To it is appended a report "from the Ladies'Board of Missions N. Y. City ." It claims to have twice outstripped the action of General Assembly. I want to find out the

exact relations of this New York Society at present to the Board of Home Missions. The General Assembly of 1875 (Minutes page 489), distinctly recommended "the organization of a Woman's Home Missionary Society, etc." This looks as if the Assembly, and the Home Board did not recognize the New York Society as filling that place -- or they would not have recommended another -- yet now, this New York Report is published in Minutes of General Assembly.

This may complicate matters. Some one told me all the United States were included in Presbyteries -- Is that so?

When a Woman's Home M. Society is formed, it should at once cover the ground -- so fast as names of suitable superintendents or Secretaries for every Synod can be obtained. I think, Sir, that you can probably suggest many good names for this purpose to be brought forward, if God will, next Fall. Then if the appointments or nominations can be recognized by the various Synods, a great point will be at once gained. So I hope you will be able to give special attention to this, and if the same names should be proposed by others, it will be very good.-- After the Committee has met, I hope to write again.

Ever yours truly & respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines.

Denver, Colorado,
July 4, 1878.

Mrs. Haines,
My Dear Sister:

Yours of June 27th is received, and I hasten to answer. You ask concerning the relations of Mrs. Graham's Society (Ladies' Board of Missions") to the Home Board. Dr. W. C. Roberts can tell you. My own impression is that the Board of Home Missions do not consider it as a National Society, occupying the ground intended by the General Assembly when they directed the formation of a national or central Woman's Home Board, but that the Board recognizes it as they would the "Synodical Society of New York" or the "Ladies' Board of the Southwest", or of Brooklyn, or any other local society, which is raising money for Home Missions & sends in an annual report. Enclosed find a leaf from the Report of the Home Board for 1877, in which you see that the Brooklyn Society is placed on the same footing with Mrs. Graham's. They are simply local societies.

A national society does not yet exist and that is what the Assembly and many friends of Home Missions in all parts of the country wish you Ladies to get under way.

A national society with headquarters at New York City, is not simply for the New York City Churches, but for those of California, Texas and Tennessee, Ohio, and all other portions of the country as well. Consequently it need not go into any individual church in New York City, where the ladies are auxiliary to Mrs. Graham's Society. It is not essential to its usefulness that it should have a single auxiliary in New York City, as it will be for the directing of movements and promoting of greater efficiency in the whole country.

Such a central organization, instead of conflicting with present movements, will be their helper.

For instance, where there are Societies that join Home and Foreign Missions, as is the case of Mrs. Graham's The Brooklyn, St. Louis, Iowa, Nebraska, and others, the central societies can furnish leaflets and other publications, speakers, &c., that shall give greater efficiency to the Home Departments of those societies.

Having the whole church for its field, it need not push its way in any city or section, where a local society claims the ground, unless with the cooperation of the local society. It can help the local society without interfering with its local arrangements, and thus make it a friend. Such a policy will in the end secure the local society as an auxiliary.

The National Society should not be discouraged if New York, or Brooklyn or St. Louis and other places should not at once become auxiliary.

There are a sufficient number of sections that will become auxiliaries to give it position and influence. And the fact that it is the National Society will increase its influence more and more year by year, until eventually it will have the full control throughout the entire Church.

You regret that the Society could not have been worked up through the Synods as in New Jersey.

The attention of the Synods has been called to this matter for two years past, and it has utterly failed to accomplish the object. Only a few Synods have complied with the directions of the Assembly and appointed a Ladies'Committee. God's providence has shut us up to the one course. If the work is to be done, we must have a central organization.

1st. That can by circulars and letters keep Synods reminded of their duty to appoint these committees, until from habit the Synods will attend to it, as they do any other routine business.

2nd. The Central Organization can prepare and send out blank constitutions -- leaflets on How to Or-

ganize?" "How to Keep up the interest in Meetings after organized?" "Best Methods of Work"--"Objects of Work and Prayer"--Meet objections and hindrances - furnish encouragements - Secure Essays and Missionary Letters - furnish Speakers, &c.

In hundreds of places the Christian women are ready to go to work, if any one will show them what is to be done and how to do it. A National Society can best do this and set them at work.

Objections.

I have frequently heard it said, "that there were too many societies now -- that there was no room for another."

Let us examine. There is the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Philadelphia, Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Albany, and Troy Branches; But these are all for Foreign Missions. Then there is The Ladies'Board of Missions of New York, Woman's Home and Foreign Missions Society Brooklyn, and Woman's Board of Missions for the Southwest. These are mixed Societies, working more largely for Foreign than for Home Missions. To sum up, there are in the Presbyterian Church, four societies with their auxiliaries exclusively for Foreign work, and three for both Home and Foreign without a single society exclusively devoted to the Evangelization of our own land. Surely there is room for <u>one</u> Home Mission Society.

A second objection, "That it will make friction." Mrs. Scovel of Pittsburgh can testify that the officers of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Philadelphia, and the Woman's Board of Missions for the Northwest, the leading For'nMissions Societies of the Church, both expressed themselves at Pittsburgh as in favor of a Woman's Home Mission organization. Consequently there can be no friction with them. Instead of friction, the two societies will be of mutual assistance.

As to the Ladies'Board of New York, the new Society can prevent friction by not interfering with their auxiliaries -- by attending to the balance of the Church not reached by the Ladies'Board and furnishing the Ladies'Board of New York such assistance as they may be willing to receive, thus cultivating friendly relations.

The reasons for a National Society may be summed up as follows:

1st. This movement, like all others, to secure the greatest usefulness must have a Central head and be national in its aims,

2nd. The General Assembly, recognizing the need of a national organization has again and again recommended that it should be formed.

3rd. Many local organizations have been formed and are waiting for a National organization to give direction to their efforts,

4th. Devout Christian women all over the Church are waiting and praying for such a movement and ready to fall into line.

In case you fail of making a satisfactory arrangement with the Ladies'Board you ask, "What is to be done? Allow me to suggest,

1st. That the necessity for such a national organization is so great, that it would be injurious to delay all further action until next spring;

2nd. That a meeting called in the spring might not secure a larger attendance than if called this fall.

3rd. That it was the evident intention of the Convention in appointing the present Committee that the Committee should make some arrangements by which a national organization should be gotten under way.

4th. That it is competent for this Committee to appoint a "Provisional Board of Managers" who shall serve until next spring when at a convention to be called in connection with the General Assembly, a new Board may be elected.

5th. That this Provisional Board of Managers shall take charge of and promote the interests of such a society.

(a) Take charge of and systematize the distribution of Boxes of Missionary Clothing,

(b) Issue leaflets, plans of organization, methods of work,&c. to increase the general interest in the work.

(c) Correspond with stated clerks of Synod and and urge that each Synod at the coming fall meeting comply with the recommendations of General Assembly and appoint a Ladies'Committee.

(d) Arrange for a Woman's Home Mission meeting in connection with the next General Assembly at which the organization of the Society may be completed.

(e) Correspond with Synodical Societies and secure the appointment of a Delegate to represent them at the next spring meeting so that there may be at least one lady present from each Synod

(f) Prepare draft of constitution and by-laws to submit to the spring meeting for adoption.

A Provisional Board of Managers,

1st. Will enable the work of the Society to commence at once, and thus prevent delay through all next fall and winter.

2nd. A Provisional Board of Managers can secure a full attendance of Ladies, regularly delegated to act in behalf of the Ladies of their Synod and thus the action of next spring will represent the whole Churches-- Otherwise a few will come together from a few sections authorized only to speak for themselves as was the case this spring.

3rd. A Provisional Board of Managers can present at the spring meeting for adoption a constitution, By-Laws, etc. Otherwise the Ladies will again come together without matured plans and something tangible upon which they can act.

4th. A Provisional Board of Managers will secure more general action this fall on the part of Synods.

5th. They can secure some conventions for the fall or winter.

6th. They will prevent further complications arising from delay.

7th. They will encourage the friends of the cause to go to work.

If you do not arrange with the Ladies'Board of New York I plead with you do not separate until you have appointed a Provisional Board of Managers to act until there can be a representative gathering of the Ladies next spring, to complete the organization.

I will spend the tenth & eleventh in special prayer that the Holy Ghost will give you both wisdom and courage to go forward in so great a work.

Respectfully yours,
Sheldon Jackson,
Superintendent of Presbyterian Missions
in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico,
Arizona, Montana and Alaska.
Utah.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 12, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The New York ladies yesterday were represented by Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Hart. They declined to lay down the Foreign Mission department of their Board, but proposed such a radical modification of the Home branch--

viz, to make the President of every Synodical Society Vice President and therefore having a right to attend the meetings and vote, also promising to have the work kept entirely distinct, even to sending, in separate form, the Home Missionary part of their Magazine-- that the Committee present thought it wise to entertain the proposition, and to send it down to the absent members, Should a majority approve, another conference is to be called about the last week in September, in time to send some word to the Synods. Mrs. Graham had been to many of the pastors of New York and got their endorsements--- If we can secure the thing it seemed best to us to compromise the name perhaps. We shall not agree to recommend this "Ladies' Board of New York as our Headquarters, unless it becomes, in its Home branch, regularly auxiliary to the Board of Home Missions, is approved by them, and also receives the appointment of the Synods of New York, and New Jersey---At heart this is our present feeling.

Your letter was read with great consideration at our preliminary conference here at Elizabeth on the 10th instant. Were the coast clear, no plan would promise better.

We had full responses from members of the Committee but several, as Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Harington, and Mrs. Julia McN. Wright, were detained just at the last. Only Mrs. Scovel and a Mrs. Davenport here outside of New Jersey---so that in any case, we could not have organized at the present session. It was a strengthening thought that you and others were praying about our conference and to know that in some way all would work out in the best way---if only we continue to wait on the Lord about it.

My love to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours very truly and respectfully,
F. E. H. Haines.

I have asked Mrs. Boyd, our Secretary, to send you an exact copy of resolutions adopted.

Rahway, July 17, 1878.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Sir:

The "Conference" was held as per agreement, July 11. The Overture of the Committee and the appeals from various Societies and individuals interested in the object of the Conference failed to accomplish what we desired. After returning answers to the Committee thro' Mrs. Graham, they submitted a proposition, as follows: That instead of organizing a new Board for Home Missions, or-

ganizations should be formed in the Synods for Home Mission work, which shall have their own officers and the President of which shall be Vice President of the Ladies Board. These Presidents shall organize the work in their own Synods and Presbyteries, and report it to the Board in New York, with whom they shall be in correspondence connection and cooperation.

Verbal promise was also made to accede to the wishes of Committee in regard to change of Constitution &c. to suit the requirements of the enlarged work.

It was resolved, That this proposition having been received the Secretary be instructed to send copies of it to absent members of the Committee asking their views upon it. And further Resolved, That if a majority of the Committee entertain the proposition, another Conference be held with the view of preparing a paper in definite form to bring before the Board of Home Missions and the Synods. At a meeting of the Committee held subsequently, the following Resolution was adopted:

The members of Committee present in view of the enlarged plans for future work in the Home department of the New York Ladies'Board and its expressed design to reach the churches through the Synods, and the Home field through the Board of Home Missions as recommended by General Assembly are prepared to entertain their proposition and to hold further conference on the subject.

Very respectfully yours,
M. E. Boyd.

(Over)

After consulting with Dr. Kendall I add these few words to call your attention to the facts, that for the present while these matters are in a formative state, and because of the Foreign Boards opposition, &c., It will not be advisable to publish anything about it. After the thing is surely fixed then publish and push with energy. The outlook is good, Don't hurry too much.

Excuse these sentences - I'm not at all well.

Yours,
C. E. Boyd.

Carlisle, Penn., Aug. 1, 1878.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

Your letter arrived in due time. I did not go to the New York meeting, I could not very well, and I concluded that nothing but more meetings would come of it. The business arrangements were rather loose, and

no means had been provided to fix anything. I suppose you have heard the result.

I think most of the members of the Committee are pleased with Mrs. Graham's proposition and will accept it. It does not commend itself to me at all. You will see it will not create any enthusiasm and will not move matters perceptibly from where they are now. However I suppose it must be tried until it proves itself a failure. As far as I can see the Ladies consider the proposal made as "Providential" and whereas they prayed for wisdom, and know that many others prayed, they conclude that what they did must be right. Perhaps it is However, I think we have in this age got in the habit of talking a great deal of religious balderdash without knowing it. Is a Turk carrying out God's intentions simply because he says "it is the will of Allah" and lets the matter go?

I suppose the blessing of God on deliberation is to help us exercise our common sense, and we shall know if we have got the blessing by seeing if we have exercised common sense. Perhaps this proposal may be all right and the very best thing, but as far as explicating the affair goes, they seem to reason in a circle. 'We asked the blessing of God -- we did this, therefore it must be the blessing of God." Suppose they had concluded to build an Orphan Asylum? I think they might have reasoned the same way. It looks to me like merely putting Woman's Home Mission work as sub and auxiliary to an auxiliary of the Foreign work. As I told them, there were plenty of women to give service efficiently for this cause, just as was done in the Woman's Foreign Mission Board, until the cause was fully established. Don't for anything let this letter be seen by any of the Ladies; I don't expect them to look at things in my way. Mrs. Haines wrote me something about the New York Society having preemption rights -- just as if there were any preemption rights in Heaven! So, the work is the Lord's and he will straighten it out in due time. It does not go quite as fast as some of us would like in our short span and great haste, it is hard to wait the mighty leisure of events. It looks now as if we should get an efficient board organized in about five years. Until then we will be doing something. No Colorado for us this year -- can't afford to travel, with hard times and two children to educate. Dr. Wright and myself keep quill driving as hard as ever to make two ends meet. Come here when you come East.

Very Truly

Julia McNair Wright.

Falls City, Aug. 19, 1878.

Rev. Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir:

You asked me to write you occasionally when I had any Home Mission news to communicate. I have none now, but write to make some inquiries concerning your place.

My sister (Mabel Douglas's Mother) has some lung affection and seems anxious to go to Colorado awhile They live in a malarious district altho' a highly cultivated beautiful country (Ohio). Denver is spoken of as a good place for persons affected as she is, and I would like to have her go very much if there is any possibility of doing her any good. She, if she does go, would take her little daughter ,seven years old,and Mabel stay with me, and Mr. Douglas endure their absence the best he could. What does boarding cost? A good private boarding house would be most desirable I suppose but do not know. Am writing this of my own motion entirely.

The Home Mission Committee of Ladies meeting at New York was small-of course you have heard all about it and I need not write you of it.

And just think of their holding their meeting in Dr. Dickson's room. Is n't it funny? Some of Dr. Kendall's management doubtless. And just think the Ladies met at ten o'clock and talked until four,entirely oblivious of time.

Surely all things are working together for good and at the September meeting an organization will be formed with a good strong basis endorsed by those New York ministers who have always refused to do as much for that Ladies'Board. Those Ladies have stood in their own light and we could not see why, but it is only because the cause was in God's hands and not in our hands.

Am glad you took no account of those notes of the Pittsburg meeting -- Knew it was best to keep it back and not notice itindeed thought of sending it in another form but really was with my sister who was ill and had no time to give it any thought. Have not seen the August No. of your paper Mr. Paxton says it is not given---Have been from home almost two months, am now at a summer resort*--return home tomorrow. Mr. P. in the City. Regards to Mrs. Jackson and family.

Respectfully,

E. J. Paxton.

* about 75 miles from the city on the B. & O. R. R.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept.17/78.
(Postal Card)

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Your letter is just at hand. It will be of great help to us for some had the impression that no compromise of the kind offered would please you. I am hopeful some arrangement will be made --- It is all to be referred to the Board of Home Missions - that meets next week. I had last week a very pleasant talk with Mrs. Graham and mail you a copy of unofficial letter sent to her Board a day or two since. I think it may be more time than needed.

F. E. M. Haines.

Cape May Point, N. J., Sept.24/78

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Dear Sir:

Last February you asked me to continue my letters to children through the summer. I have sent you enough letters for that, and do not know whether you want more letters or not. I see "Weighing the Baby" was widely copied. If you want more letters let me know, but perhaps your staff is large enough. I wish I could write that Alaska Refuge into existence. I do not remember whether I have sent you six or seven letters since last payment my note book was mislaid -- probably you know and you can send the check here. I was sorry to miss Mrs. Norcross on her return from Galesburg. I have a very strong regard for her--but our school in Carlisle was too great a financial loss to us to continue it--of that however do not say a word to any one, we keep our business advantages and disadvantages strictly to ourselves. We are at Cape May Point for the winter because it is non-rheumatic, very cheap and quiet where I can drive my pen undisturbed, with the delight of the sea near me, which acts as restorer, consoler and general inspiration. Ah, me, when shall the returned Christ fill the world with his fulness as the waters cover the sea!

Very Truly,
Julia McNair Wright.

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23 Centre St., New York, 7/, 1878

	Date of Comm'n.	Amount Asked.	Amount Granted.
J. G. Reid	5. 1. 78	400	400
E. M. Deems	6. 13. "	500	500
C. A. Holm	4. 15. "	700	600
G. N. Smith	3. 1 "	800	500
J. N. Otis — referred for correspondence			
A. M. Darley	3. 18 "	700	600
W. P. Tuttowith	Referred for correspondence		
Carl. Alom	" "	"	"
J. S. Merrill	1 — 15 — 78	700	700
S. E. Finks	6. " "	500	500
G. M. Darley	5 — " "	1000	800
T. E. Bliss	1. 1. "	600 400	400
J. Wilson	4. 1 "	500 (150)	650
G. G. Smith		added	100
J. R. Russell — Referred for correspondence		800	800
S. B. Crittenden	5. 1 78		

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Denver
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D. J. McMillan	6. 1. 78	1000	1000
C. M. Parks	7. 1 "	1000	1000
Mrs " "	7 1 "	300	300
" W. W. Gallaghe	6. 1 "	300	300

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Lincoln Nebr. June 3rd

Rev. Milton Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir:

I have rec'd a letter from Mrs. Parker telling me a proposition of the Committee appointed to confer with M. S. on the organization of the Woman's Foreign Board. She stated that Mrs. C. E. Boyd would inform me of the date of meeting. That I was on the Committee. Mrs. Renkirk is on that Committee also, but I think from a recent letter from her that she does not mean to attend. I wish I had not been put on that Committee for 3 reasons which I unfold to you sub rosa, trusting that I may get some light from you, so that I may understand the affair better.

1st. I fear the proposition to the Ladies B. of Missions in M. S. Ch.

I desire the Foreign work will widen the distance between the F. & For. Boards, will lead to antagonism of the new Board by church members & pastors when they endeavour to build Methodist, Presbyterial & Congregational churches. Think we drop the For. work & take up the home work entirely in k. work, and leave to make a due balance, for the Foreign work is overdone in proportion but do you think the endeavour wise on the whole?

2nd It has seemed to me that the Church Boards are in for from the present Centre of work & sympathy, I have inclined to the view that any new organization of the Methodist should not the central cent of Cincinnati. What do you think of that?

3. This objection would not have entered my mind but for you! You mentioned in the event of forming a Board I should be required as secretary, & I do not wish to go to the New York Meeting if that proposition should be brought up there, a Because I could give no evident answer. b. Because I think that women could be found of independent means, who would not like myself consider the relinquishing of a profession by which for 18 years they had made their income, & because there would be women poorly & some who live in Bro ind'ly & so would not have to change their home with inadequate expenses &c, to fill the place. c Because I do not like to talk

women & ladies - women
who have not earned money
do not look at money as —
many mills to a dollar & to
be valued in a ratio of prices
current, & them money looks
very small when they get it
& very large when they pay it
out. & finally I could
not — cannot in the least
define even to myself whether, if
I were desired to do so, I could
take such a place, & if I did it
would perhaps be better if I had
had no part in the deliberations
that led to exciting such the
personal hostility that would be lev-
elled at my work, if any direction
of means from the Ex. B. were
moved at that meeting. I do
not know if I have made myself
clear, but I have tried to express
my views. Very truly
Julia McVicar Wright.

Laramie City Wyoming
June 4th 1880

Dear Bro Jackson.

I leave tomorrow D. V. for Fort Benton but do not wish you to make any arrangements for the supply of my place here till I return, I should not go only that my correspondence with the people of that place renders it at least fitting that I should do so. I do not feel that my work is here done yet from developments that have transpired since Presbytery. Still I shall follow the leadings of divine Providence so far as the way of his purpose may be made plain. I have sent an appointment to Ogden for next Sabbath, and hope to spend the succeeding Sabbaths and an intervening week at Benton and be here on the first of July. Hope you have enjoyed time & the assembly. Kind regards to Mrs J. & son of Chicago.

Yours &c. W. E. Dickson.

Parkersburg, West Va, June 4. '78.

Dr. Jackson,
Dear Friend;

I missed seeing you again at the Assembly, though I endeavored to find you.

I rec'd the half fare permit your order called for on the St L., K.C. & N. R.R. The agent at Omaha returned my order with the direction to call at Omaha for the half fare ticket. From the agent at Kansas City I rec'd no reply. I failed to get reduced fare to St. Louis.

The agent of the Pan Handle route here offers me an emigrant ticket to

San Francisco for $85.70. On it I can ride first-class to Omaha, & thence take an emigrant car. So far as I can learn from agents, R.R. guides &c, since I have failed in getting half-fare on so great a portion of the route, the difference between the expense of the route I thought of taking — by St Louis, Kansas City & Denver — & that by Lincoln & Omaha would amount to over $50.00. As it is my duty under the circumstances to save as much as possible, I have concluded to take the route by Omaha, even though it will be at the expense of a good deal of personal comfort; it will involve the loss of several visits with friends. I especially regret that

I shall miss seeing you.

I expect to start next Monday morning. I shall reach Omaha about Wed morning the 12th. I may stop there a day or so. A letter from you written immediately, would probably find me there.

I shall probably pass the Sab. (17th) in Salt Lake City, as I dont want to travel on Sab. & the train I travel on will be slow. A letter addressed to me at the Walker House will probably reach me there. I would willingly preach there the 17th if arrangements could be made in the time left. I shall make use of your letter of introduction to Prof. Cooper.

I shall call at the Cheyenne P.O. if the

stopes long enough.

I ship my freight tomorrow to Dr. Lindsley at Portland.

We are going to have a grand union missionary meeting next Lab. at Fathers church.

Many thanks for your pains to help me & for your kind invitation.

Hoping to hear from you on the route.

I remain,

Yours in the Work,

S. Hall Young.

Malad City Idaho Ter.
June 5th 1878

Dear Brother Jackson:

I have a few items to communicate, and some instructions to ask for. Our S.S. seems to be the most interesting branch of our work just now. The attendance keeps up fairly and they are committing scripture rapidly — not a few reciting from 50 to 100 verses each Sabbath. The Mormons have been attempting to talk down our mission in their meetings, but no one has yet been induced to leave either our day or Sab. School.

On Sab. evening I

May 26th, after preaching we organized a Bible Soc. — the first in this region & perhaps the first in the Territory. We have reported to the Sec. A.B.S. as an Auxiliary Society & have ordered books to start a depository. There is a great need here which cannot well be supplied by any of the neighboring depositories.

Maj. Danelson, Indian Agent at Ft. Hall was here a short time ago & I had a talk with him about the work up there. He seems to be an earnest Christian & is a member of the Methodist Church. The tribes for which he is agent, (Shoshones & Bannacks) are properly under the

charge of the Methodist Ch.
but Mr. D. says that they
never have done anything
for the Indians except to
nominate the Agent — that
he has became disgusted with
their neglect and will work
heartily with any denomina-
tion except the Catholics who
have been trying to get a
foothold. He proposes to
put up buildings for a board-
ing school & pay the salaries
of a Principal & the necessary
assistants. I expect to visit
the place & spend some time
there during the summer vacation.
I should like to be advised
1st If there is any obstacle in
the way of our church accepting
the offer, or invitation of Maj. Danelson,
the Agent, to send persons for

this work.

2nd What encouragement shall I give him that they will do so.

Also any thing else that it would be advisable for me to do or to inquire into while at the agency.

You have perhaps read of the trial of Zumbiego, one of the Bannocks, for murder, at this place during the recent sitting of Court. He was sentenced to be hanged at Boise on the 28th of June. It was feared that this proceeding might arouse his tribe, but all is peaceful so far.

With the kindest regards for you & your family, I am —

Your Brother in H.

E. P. Welsh.

Fairplay, June 12th 1878.

To Dr. Jackson,

Dear Bro: I wrote you one week ago and enclosed an application to the H. M. Board only partially filled. I had no man to assist me, and had to get two of the Ladies of the Ch. to agree to try to raise $200. or $100. for six months. They have made an effort but have not succeeded in raising the amount for six months. They can perhaps raise something more on subs. but they will not at the most get over $ 55. or $ 60.x six months

It seems next to impossible to raise money here at this time for religious purposes. Mr. McL. will not not lead in the matter as he has done heretofore (as the church owes him some $ 60. or more)

Now what am I to do? I do not wish to leave the little church here to die: But I am inclined to ask you for advice and instruction. And I will agree to stay on here and do the best I can for at least six months,x from the time I came.

Do not think I would like to stay over winter in in this high altitude. But think I can get a good

x for six months. x if accepted for that time.

minister to take my place by the first week in Nov.
Meanwhile I shall do all I can to rally the moral
forces that remain here. And get things in a better
shape. I ask your advice in regard to collections
&c. I am cautioned not to take collections or it will
drive the people away &c. Have taken but one since
I came that was for the Dexon & incidental Expenses
And I have acted Dexon twice myself.
You will please advise me on any other points you
deem expedient. Please write soon.

Your brother in Christ
C. Moore.

23. Cedar St. N.Y.
June 12. '78

Dear Bro. Jackson –

When I left the Morrison meeting at the Hall, Pitts. I had the blues but you were at my heels – but you slipped off to Washington that evening, I slipped out of town early Wed. A.M. following, we crossed to meet again & each one suited much –

Did you laugh or cry over the case of the Fidelity men? I laughed! But I pity the Fossdenum.

2. I send you a letter from

Mch about the business
& Y. M. all - never written
him that it is your business
to look after.
3. Mehrens left us last night.
The church Exetter Board
have ordered Br. Wilson to
go out to Salt Lake City &
look the ground over.
Bro & Sis. Parks will be on
their way to Sojourn a few
days I hope - Misses Lumbar
& Rose too - we shall see about.
Poor Lexer lays sick! We can't
get any body to attend for
Sen Centers or Special
Missionary - Br. Palmer
still lives & is at Lincoln -
Who is going to Lincoln?

The field ought not to be neglected -
Let us hear from you -
Yours truly
H. A. Cornell

Central City, Col.
June 13th, 1878.

Dear Brother,

I have just received your note of inquiry. I have to say in reply, that the elevation here is too great. Mrs Johnston feels it more than I do. She has had bronchial trouble all the while since shortly after we came here. Still, if we meet with nothing more unfavourable than we have at yet, I will at least complete my engagement with this people. I engaged to supply the pulpit for them for a year from the 1st of Oct. last. I will make no other engagement, unless compelled so to do, until this one is completed.

I have not heard whether you have yet been up to Trail Run. I hope you will go up & look the field over as soon as you can.

Mrs Johnston joins in love to yourself & Mrs. Jackson.

May the Spirit of the Lord guide your way & bless your work!

Yours truly
J. W. Johnston

23 Center St. N.Y.
June 14. 78

Dear Bro. Jackson—
Why did you send an old man like Carr moon up into the Nitro for without knowing anything about the field? An old man like him will do nothing up there—& yet if you send him up to experiment & explore you seem in some sense to make yourself remotely responsible for him. My impression is that Sutworth killed those fields & they are not worth trying to save—

2. Pickett is coming to Col. & that means livelier times on your field than you

Woman's Work for Home Missions.

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It is desired that there should be an organization in the interests of Home Missions in every Church. We, the Committee appointed in this Presbytery, open correspondence with you, with a view of aiding you to make such arrangements as may best promote this end in the Church with which you are connected.

We hold ourselves in readiness to meet the Ladies of your Church at such time as it is most convenient, to confer together on this subject, or to answer any inquiries relating to *Woman's Work* for *Missions* in *our own Country.*

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Respectfully,

_____ } *COMMITTEE.*

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have seen yet. The Congregationalists are waiting up - & you will have to keep your eyes open to the new & to the old birds - What is going on down at Lincoln? Is no one there yet. What do you know about the bill now?

3. Kenney of Colorado Springs College was in for a very talk yesterday. He begins to see the need of female Schools in New Mexico & Utah. Notice what I said on that subject under the head of Woman's Work in my speech before the Assembly.

I have given Kenney letters of introduction to Robinson, G.G. Smith Dr. Thomas & McKeine -

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What if we should find 25 Sunday School teachers in New M., Utah in two years?

4. I am glad to learn that Dr. Palmer is not dead!

5. Jenny says there is an old Society for the Education of the Indians in Boston, that does not know what to do with its money. They are maintaining it, but are really anxious to do something with the money that will tell. I want the matter looked up. Jenny thinks we might get some of that money for the Pueblos. Let us try.

6. What shall we do for Zuni & Santa Fe? We must be

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up & doing—

7. The Board meets next Monday & you may expect to hear from us on various matters soon. Parks & his wife are as good as appointed already—

8. What shall be done about money for church edifices for Utah &c. How about Brigham City—

9. If Dr. Wilson comes out to Salt Lake in July you ought to manage to see him—

10. If all the Northern Indians get on a "rampage" this Summer you had better keep out.

Yours truly

H. Kendall

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OFFICE OF

JOHN H. TUNSTALL,

Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Lincoln, N. M., June 15th 1878

Mr. Jackson — Our work here is encouraging, the great need a house to hold our services in. There is a property here in the Centre of town — containing a room large enough to hold three hundred people. I tried to buy it and was willing to give in my share and pay the balance for it out of the sum of money. The property contains about five acres of irrigated land. I will give $50. of my salary towards purchasing it for the Ch. I can have all the papers drawn up & let by a lawyer here who will give his services, I will agree to raise something in addition to what I offer of my salary from the people here — but how much I cannot say.

I feel sorry for the scattered ones
among this country & we want
to have a home for them — the
way it is now am worshipping
in a private house & they
will not come to a parlor as
they would to a church. I have a
female school of 20 scholars
half Americans, half
Mexicans, they do not
mean any money but give
a little of what they
have. Let me hear from
you at once on the subject
of June meeting the Sabbath
School is held in the house and
they pay 25 per day rent. I want
to keep up the School & that
is the best place in town for
it, we can get it for $70. can I
know, with sound of high
Your Obedt. Servt.

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Fort Wrangel
Alaska
June 15/78

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver Col.

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favors of 11th & 30th Mar, press of business prevented me from acknowledging them last mail – we sincerely thank you for the interest you have taken in Alaska and for your assistance in helping Mr. Lear to procure his right of title to his land. We are anxiously looking for Congressional action, as yet have seen nor heard anything. We are looking forward to your visit here with a great deal of pleasure – My wife and Mr Lear join me in kind regards

Yours Truly
J. M. Vanderhilt

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OFFICE OF G. C. SMITH,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Rawlins, Wyo. June 17 1878

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver Col.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of June 12th to hand am pleased to hear you are coming here. I shall be absent from home from the 25th of June to July 6th & hope you may arrange to come when I am home. Should you come while I am away call on and consult with W. D. France James France - J. B. Adams R. W. Baxter R. M. Galbraith R. J. Sharp W. S. Cox R. B. Robinson A. E. Edgerton and P. L. Smith - go to Mess France first. If I am home will introduce you. I met you several times in Denver in 1874 I believe —

Very truly G. C. Smith

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Rev Stilson Jenkins
Denver
Colorado

June 19/98

Dear Sir [illegible]

[illegible] whether [illegible]

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[illegible] I have been

[illegible] Please

[illegible]

definitely the [illegible]

Please [illegible]

[illegible]

Yours [illegible]

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1877
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U.S. POSTAGE
1 CENT

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.
Denver
Col

Annias Valley 6/16 1878

Dear Bro —

Ans/ I went to Silverton & wrote to you about it — I got back home just in time to head off matters in the collection of P[illegible] [illegible] Guard — Rev. Pickett of Col. Springs (Congre) stopped with me on his way to Silverton — I am afraid he will not succeed. We must have a church building here soon — It will pay. We are growing — Have splendid Sabb. School. I wish you bro would come down soon — My people expect you — It would be a great help to me — I wish you to see the ground — No letters yet. Have done my best to [illegible] getting them — Have ordained two Elders — Have splendid S.S. Must have Ch. of Christ built; my [illegible] church reports yours [illegible]

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Bloomfield. June 19th 78.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Friend.

My sister and I often think of your visit of last February, and still feel much interest in the Alaska mission. We were glad to know that what we had given for Philip could be used in paying for comforts which had been provided for him, though he had passed beyond the need of earthly comfort, before we placed it in your hands. No other disposition of it could have

been so pleasant to us, and we thank you for letting us know that it was so appropriated. We would like to do something for his wife and child, though we have not decided how much, as yet. Will you be kind enough to let us know what would be the cost per year, of educating the little boy, and whether you consider this the most desirable thing to do for them just now?

According to your suggestion, I wrote to Mrs. McFarland, asking for a specimen of Alaska moss and ferns. Her response was unexpectedly generous. She sent me a bottle of moss, shells, and leaves, and two of the largest garnets I ever saw. There was so much moss that I thought I would

bus to sell some of it, and pressed and mounted it for that purpose. I have over five dollars as proceeds, and hope to get a little more and surprise her with an unexpected return for her kindness.

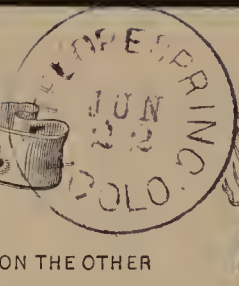
We were rather disappointed at the action of the General Assembly, in regard to the work of the Home Board, but hope the "special contributions" which you are allowed to receive for Alaska, &c, will render you abundantly able to carry on your new missions.

Sister Fanny unites with me in much regard and best wishes for yourself and your work.

Very sincerely,

Eliza B. Fiscell.

Box 27. Bloomfield, N. J.



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Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver
Col.

Antelope Springs
Colorado June 22d

Dear Sir:

This is to let you know of my safe arrival here despite the perils of the road. We had a narrow escape near Alamosa where the iron support of the body straps was bent outward & knocked the spokes out of the hind wheel of the stage, upsetting us of course while the horses ran off with the four wheels. We escaped without a scratch through God's care, & no body was badly hurt.

At Colorado Springs I met Mr Hart who was at Silverton last year & who with Mrs Lyesley managed the Sabbath school there. He gave me some valuable information.

Harry C. Dameron

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Denver
Colorado

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Garland City Col.
June 20-78

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro -

After a pleasant trip of 25 travelling days, without accident or loss, we have reached Garland. I sold my horses & ambulance without trouble (to Bro Roberts) and tomorrow we hope to start for home. We find it much cheaper and better to go via the Topeka and Santa Fe, so shall branch off at Pueblo - Thanks for your permit which reached me at Taos. Yours D A Merrill

Las. New Mexico.
June 20th

Dr. Jackson:
Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days ago asking if it would be possible to obtain half fare over the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. since writing that I have felt the need of rest so much that I've decided to go home, where I can let the burden of all care and restraint off - and rest. I think as nowhere else - and as free passage to Trinidad has been provided me. it will cost little more than remaining here. If I can secure half fare - Can I get such over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R to Kansas

City or Hannibal, or Quincy? My home is on the Hannibal & St. Jos. R. R.?

If I can, will you please kindly, on receipt of this, fill out and send whatever ticket of recommendation may be necessary to the Superintendent of the road, and have return order sent directly to me. I want to leave in two or three weeks, and the time is so short. That I am constrained to ask you to do this in order to secure whatever is necessary to avail myself of half fare, as quickly as possible. You will confer a very great favor by thus acting for me, Dr. Jackson. I do hope I am not asking too much. Mrs. Roberts thought Mr. R. had some tickets I could myself forward to the Superintendent, but she cannot find them, and I did not like to wait until his return, although he is expected on Saturday, and is bringing with him

a young lady teacher for Jars.

The baby is sick, and the other children are not well, so we shall be especially glad to see Mr. R.

Mr. & Mrs. Merrill spent last Sunday with us.

I forgot to inclose a stamp in my other letter, which omission considerably annoyed me - so now I rectify it.

Kind regards to Mrs. Jackson, and also to Mrs. Davies -

I'll thank you now for your kindness, for I feel sure you will do all that is best to enable me to secure half fare, and as quickly as possible -

Yours Sincerely
Mary Burnham -

New Mexico

Genoa Mission June 22 d 75

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Doctor

Your letter of the 12th came yesterday. We received the papers and thank you for them. We will be glad of anything like that here. The little Indians like pictures and seem very glad to get them. It takes a good many presents and a good amount of patience & kindness to win these little Utes and secure their confidence. In regard to a church organization I think we had better wait until you come and it may be by that time there may be something done about buildings. As soon as there is a prospect of help from any quarter I want to try to secure a better ground for mission buildings and then we can build as we can. You may depend on us doing all we possibly can towards building if we can get some help. We feel very encouraged in our work here and it seems to us that just now is the time that God is going

to fit up and the mission made a
[illegible] thing. The cost would not
need to be very great with good management
and neither the Board or the Government
would feel it much or some churches in
the East might help. But I want you
to know that I am not pleading for our
own comfort particularly. I have the best inter-
est of the good work here at heart when
I say that no man can make it as
successful as it should be without some
kind of buildings that would be comfortable
and convenient and enable a man
to teach and live with his family as
civilization would require that he should.
In regard to the views I have no retrospection
[illegible] of use to you and I will see about
some for you by the time you come.
Enclosed please find a few stamps and if
you can I wish you would send a copy of
the Gale number of your paper to my Father
[illegible] Shields Esq.
Gilsum P.O. Sullivan Co Pa

A copy to Rev. Dr. T. Gibson
Cowards. Indiana Co. Pa.
and one to Rev. J. M. Davis
Wellsville. Ohio.

We want you to buy a good Sewing Machine for us if you can. Could you go to Knight Clark and Co. No 307 Fifteenth St Denver and pick us a Domestic Sewing Machine? I send a leaf of the Catalogue of Machines & prices and the one we want is marked as you will see. If you will be so kind as to select one and see what is the best they could do we will send a check for it by return mail and have it shipped to some merchant at Santa Fe.

They offered us one at $10 less than prices in list is probably as well as they could do.

We send kind Regards; and Remain

Yours in Christ.

J. M. Shields

Navajo Agency A.T.
June 24th 1878

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver Col.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 29th ult. dated at Washington, is to hand. If you had enquired of of the Indian Commissioner as to what suggestions, recommendations or applications had been made by me to the Department in reference to the re-location of this Agency; the erection of new buildings, including not less than two for boarding-schools; the employment of matrons as well as teachers; authority to make use of supplies and goods belonging to the tribe in feeding and clothing the school children, and thus "compel them to come in"; the $30.00 due the tribes and applicable for the purposes here indicated, he could have told you that formal application had been made, looking to the above changes, within a few days after my taking charge of the Agency. I beg you will not fall into the error of supposing that I am waiting for you or any one else to lead me into the path of duty in this regard. Your suggestions are good enough, but entirely unnecessary, and would, moreover, lead others unacquainted

with the facts in the case, to suppose that I had been negligent in my duty in this very important matter.

On three different occasions I have urged upon the attention of the Indian Bureau the pressing necessity for the laying of foundations for permanent schools before the termination of treaty relations with this tribe, but have had no encouragement, not even a reply.

This is all I could do. Without the co-operation of the Dept. I am powerless.

I think I told you that the ruling of the Commissioner had put an effectual barrier in the way of maintaining even a small school at the Agency, and if no action is taken by him in the matter of changes of location and the erection of new buildings, all efforts to educate the Navajo children by the government must prove unavailing, and the work will devolve entirely upon the Church.

The letters addressed by me to the Hon. Comr on this subject are dated April 13th - May 1st & May 30th respectively.

Yours very truly John E. Pyle

Mt Pleasant Utah

June 25. '74

Dear Bro Jackson:

Will be most happy to meet you at Bro Leonards at Springville Jul 10 or at Nephi 11th as you will learn when you reach Leonard's.

We might hold our Pow-wow in Pleasant Valley half way between here & Springville on 13 & 14 only it would close Seven Sabbath Schools for that Sabbath. All arrangements will be made when you reach here. The Manti people want to see you & hear you preach. We will probably arrange for Communion Service at Manti & or Ephraim those days.

Mother is here now though not much improved. Yours etc

L. Snow

Colorado

Silverton June 27th

Dear Doctor:

You see I have arrived at my post but alas! it is already occupied. Rev. Mr. Pickett from Colorado Springs Superintendent of Missions for the Congregational Church is already on the ground and has united the Church people so far as to have them agree to send for a Mr Roberts from Yale Seminary. Mr. Pickett will 'hold the fort' until his arrival. Under the circumstances it seems clear that I am not needed here. The religious element in this place is so small, that it would seem to me to be really wrong to try to found a second wheel church

where a single one would ~~occur~~ be now too strong. Mr Pickett says that he was been at Surry & Deering but finding that we had entered there, he at once gave up all idea of establishing a Congregational church at either of these points. In other words he expects us to do the same by him. I have not been able to see Mr Munroe yet but I called last night on Mrs. Buesley who helped to keep the Sunday School alive. She says that the people are very much pleased with Mr Pickett, and are in quite a unanimous state. The Congregationalists do not propose to form one of their own church yet but simply to prepare for it. So it seems only right for me to gracefully depart and leave the field open entirely to

Mr Roberts. I wish him God-speed with all my heart for they need a church here exceedingly.

As soon, then, as Father's check arrives I will leave this sequestered vale expecting to find a letter from you at Antelope Park (care C. W. Brooks) telling me what next to do. Perhaps you had better send a postal to Silverton also in case I should be detained here. I have felt rather badly at finding my way closed in this way but perhaps the Lord thinks that I am not fit for such a post. At any rate his Will be done, and I think I am doing it in leaving the field open to his servant of a like faith, who will probably do far better than I. I had very little trouble in crossing the range. From Brooks' to Shaw's Cabin near the summit I went by saddle horses and miserable lazy brutes they were

From Shaw's to Howardsville I tramped but my great mountain boots showed me what a 'tender-foot' I am, so that I rode from H. on an ore wagon. The road was so bad that I feared ~~at~~ times that I would enter Silverton in a most interesting condition with my head smashed in by going over the side of the wagon. However such was not my fate. I was reserved for the mental blow of finding my 'occupation gone'.

There is one thing that I should have told you before leaving Denver, but could not do it hoping that it would not be necessary. But unpleasant reminings make it necessary now. I am a good deal troubled with depression of spirits so if you can give me some post that will demand a great deal of constant riding which I hope will help me, please do so. But if not I must fight it through by God's help where I am needed. Please do not think me weak in making this confession & request it is coming out of me after all.

Harry L. Dameron

Colorado

Silverton June 27th

Dear Doctor:

Yours of June 24th at Fair Play is before me. As I wrote you on the 27 inst Mr Pickett is here, has united all those who care anything about a church so far as to get them to call Mr Roberts of New Haven. The organization is not called a Congregational church at present but of course that is the design in view. I have spoken with Mrs Lucsley and Mr Munroe and they both say that it would be very poor policy to introduce at present another church and most of all a Presbyterian church since it is so slightly different from

the Congregational that most persons would fail to see any necessity for it, and it would only produce bad feeling. Mr Picket had been here nearly three weeks before I came and had clearly the right of possession. His yielding the ground at Alamosa and Ouray, I think should also be considered. He has treated me very well since I have been here in every way. It seems to me and I submit it respectfully, that to go on now would only produce bad feeling between two churches that ought to be in sympathy.

Now if I had been sent in here at the expense of the Board of course I should obey orders and go right ahead. But as it is at Father's expense that I have come I feel that I must follow what

I am sure would be his views in the matter and respectfully decline. If there is to be a Presbyterian Church established here, I cannot concientiously do it at the present time. If it were a Methodist or an Episcopal Church it might be different; but the Congregationalists are too much like ourselves for me to enter into rivalry with them in a field like this. Some other man may do it but I cannot.

Thanks for your kind encouragement at the close of your letter. I like the field here very well and I have learned a great deal since I have been here. I wish with all my heart that it was open to me for I feel that I could do good here. But very probably Mr Roberts can do better than I, at least Prov-

seems to indicate as much. When I left home Father said, "Follow Providence" and this I am trying to do though the road seem a roundabout one. I have prayed over this matter and have not made up mind hastily, I think. But now I feel that I have determined. Please remember me to your family.

P.S. I said in my last letter I will come out by way of Barber's as soon as Father sends his check. I cannot hear of any town of importance in the San Juan still unoccupied so I hope to save time by coming out. Please address as before care C.W. Brooks Antelope Springs

Yours L. Janeway.